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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: CHANGE AT THE COMMERCE MINISTRY

REF: PEKING 2378

1. THE AUGUST 1 PEOPLE'S DAILY ACCOUNT OF THE ATTENDEES
AT THE PLA FESTIVITIES (REFTEL) INDICATES THAT WANG LEI'S
REPLACEMENT AS MINISTER OF COMMERCE IS YAO I-LIN, WHO
OCCUPIED THE COMMERCE MINISTRY SLOT IN THE LISTING
OF REPRESENTATIVES FROM VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS UNDER THE
STATE COUNCIL.

2. YAO PREVIOUSLY HEADED THE MINISTRY FROM 1960 UNTIL
HE LOST HIS POST IN 1967, DURING THE CULTURAL REVOLUTION.
AFTER HIS REHABILITATION IN 1973, HE SERVED AS VICE
MINISTER OF FOREIGN TRADE (HE WAS NOTED AS FIRST VICE
MINISTER IN 1977). SINCE JUNE OF LAST YEAR, HOWEVER, HE
HAS NOT BEEN IDENTIFIED WITH THAT MINISTRY. AT KUO MO-JO'S
MEMORIAL SERVICE IN JUNE 1978, YAO'S NAME APPEARED
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AMONG THOSE PERSONS WORKING UNDER THE STATE COUNCIL
BUT NOT HOLDING MINISTRY PORTFOLIOS; THEREFORE, IT IS
LIKELY THAT HE TOOK OVER FROM WANG LEI SOMETIME IN
JULY.

3. UNLIKE HIS PREDECESSOR, YAO I-LIN IS A FULL
MEMBER OF THE CCP CENTRAL COMMITTEE. THIS, PLUS HIS

EXTENSIVE EXPERIENCE IN ADMINISTERING ECONOMIC ORGANIZATIONS,
PROVIDES THE COMMERCE MINISTRY WITH A STRONG LEADER WHO
CAN INSURE THAT GOODS AND SERVICES ARE PROMPTLY AND
EFFICIENTLY DISTRIBUTED WITHIN THE PRC.
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